PRESTON NORTH END
FOOTBALL CLUB

versus

PORTSMOUTH

Football League

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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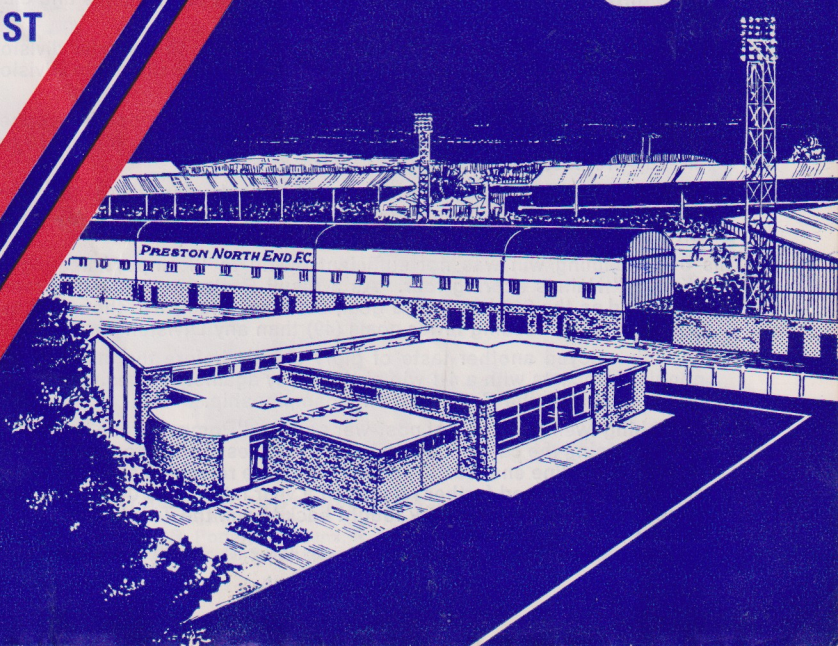

Our Visitors

PORTSMOUTH

SO SOON after bidding our Portsmouth friends adieu we are again warmly welcoming them to Deepdale, which "Pompey" teams have been visiting since they first climbed out of the Third Division in 1925. They were our last League visitors of last season, on 11th May, and now are here again for our second home League match.

For some years Portsmouth have had a thin time on this ground, having lost 11 of their last 13 matches, and by an adverse goals record of 9—42. The last four resulted 6-1, 4-1, 1-0 and 3-1 for North End in that order (and we lost all the corresponding away matches)!. Before 1964-65 we had the remarkable away record against Portsmouth of eight wins and a draw in 10 successive League games.

Portsmouth can claim something similar in meetings at Deepdale prior to 1955-56. The initial game in 1925-26 was won by North End 3-2. The next 10 resulted (home team's score first): 1-2,1-1,1-1,1-1,1-1,2-2,1-1,1-2,2-2. We had almost come to despair of ever beating "Pompey" at Deepdale again. The two defeats, which occurred 21 years apart, are Portsmouth's only wins at Preston. Full record:

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
24	12	10	2	59	26	34

At Fratton, North End have lost two F.A. Cup-ties, but gained 22 points from 24 League matches by 36 goals to 46, which, with the home return, makes a very good showing against "Pompey" through the years. Our 3-1 last season was timely in that it finally put to rest all our fears about relegation to Division Three.

This is Portsmouth's seventh season back in Division Two since their promotion from Division Three at the first attempt in 1961-62. Only two of those seasons have been plain sailing, as the following final positions indicate—17th, 9th, 20th, 12th, 14th and 5th, a very strong bid for promotion being made last season but not sustained.

This season, up to the time of writing, Portsmouth have forced 0-0 draws at Huddersfield and Carlisle, beaten Middlesbrough 3-0 at home and suffered a shock home defeat (0-1) by Blackburn Rovers last Wednesday.

Portsmouth were founded in 1899 in succession to the Royal Artillery Club, Portsmouth (Southern League 1898-99); and were themselves in that League from 1899 to 1920, then becoming one of the members of the newly formed Division Three.

In common with several other one-time First Division clubs, Portsmouth in recent years have gone through one of those adverse phases which test loyalties and club resources to the utmost.

They were relegated in 1959 after 25 successive years in the premier division. Their elevation was achieved after only seven seasons of League football, four in Division Three from 1920, and three in the Second Division.

On the last day of the season 1926-27 North End were Portsmouth's opponents in a vital game at Fratton Park. "Pompey" had to win by a considerable margin to get second place to already-promoted Middlesbrough.

The issue depended mainly on how many goals Manchester City could get and not concede, for Portsmouth started with the better ratio. City put eight through without reply from Bradford City, making their aggregate 108 for the season.

This overwhelming win was not sufficient owing to "Pompey" beating North End by 5-1. "Farmer" Haines scoring four. As a result Portsmouth gained promotion by what was described as the 200th part of a goal, but was in fact, five thousandths! Thus they were rewarded for conceding fewer goals (49) than any Division Two rival.

Portsmouth enjoyed another taste of glory shortly before the last war, when they upset all popular forecasts with a 4-1 win at Wembley against Wolves who were after the "double" but missed both the Cup and their Championship.

After finishing twelfth in the first post-war season, "Pompey" rose to greatness in five glorious years, winning the championship twice in successive seasons and not finishing lower than eighth. A decline ensued. In 1958-59 they were relegated as the bottom First Division club and narrowly missed further relegation a year later. The unhappy event was merely postponed for 12 months, but they fought back to win the Third Division championship in one season.

PORTSMOUTH—Pen Pictures

John MILKINS (goalkeeper). Born Dagenham and joined "Pompey" from school. Graduated from the now extinct youth scheme. Played for Dagenham, Essex and London schools and was a England Youth International. Married and fond of golf and motoring. Weight 13 stone. Height 5 ft. 11 ins. League debut 1960-61, 160 appearances.

Tommy YOULDEN (right-back). Born London. Signed for Portsmouth in May, 1968, from Arsenal having joined that club as an apprentice in July, 1964. An England schoolboy international, played regularly in the "Gunners" London Combination matches last season. 12 st 7 lb., 6 ft.

George LEY (left-back). Formerly an outside left. Signed for Portsmouth May, 1967, from Exeter, and was their only ever-present last season. Elected the best looking footballer in Football League Review's "Top Ten Poll." Enjoys most summer sports and swimming in particular. 11 st. 12 lbs. 5 ft. 9½ in. Exeter debut 1963-64, 94 appearances. 7 goals. Portsmouth 43 appearances: 4 goals.

George SMITH (right-half). A Gordie, born within shouting distance of St. James' Park. Thus he realised an early ambition when signed as a schoolboy by Newcastle United. Transferred to Barrow, was converted from inside forward to his present post before signing for "Pompey" in 1967. Married a Newcastle girl during the close season. 10 st. 11 lbs. 5 ft. 8 ins. Barrow debut 1964-65 91 appearances 11 goals. Portsmouth 41—2.

Ron TINDALL (centre-half). Club Captain. Another convert, as he was originally a centre forward with Chelsea, West Ham and Reading. Fully qualified, was appointed player-coach last season. Anne and Ron Tindall have three children. Plays cricket and golf. Retired as a Surrey County cricketer 1967. 12 st. 12 lbs. 5 ft. 10½ ins. League debut Chelsea 1955-56, 155 appearances, 67 goals.

Harry HARRIS (left-half). "Pompeys" longest serving player and one of most dependable. A Welshman, born at Magor, signed as an inside forward in 1958 from Newport. Obviously wearing well, judging by his 42 League and two Cup appearances last season. Married, has three children. A good cricketer. League record: Newport 1954-58, 157 appearances, 56 goals; Portsmouth, 309—46. 5 ft. 9 ins., 12 st.

Albert McCANN (outside right). Born Maidenhead, signed for "Pompey" from Coventry. The club's top goal-scorer for three seasons. Strong and tenacious, started with Luton 1959, joining Coventry. 11 st. 10 lbs. 5 ft. 6 ins. Appearance and goal record for Portsmouth 196—56.

Mike TREBILCOCK (inside right). A Cornishman, born Gunnislake, signed for Portsmouth's record fee of £40,000 from Everton last season and became team mate of Nick Jennings for the second time in their short playing career. His main secondary interest is cricket. Married to a Bootle girl and they have a baby son, named Michael. 10 st. 11 lbs. 5 ft. 8 ins. Plymouth debut 1962-63, 50 appearances, 16 goals: Everton 41—16; Portsmouth 13—1.

Ray POINTER (centre forward). Voted "Pompey's Player of the Season" 1967-68 by Fratton fans. Born Cramlington, Newcastle. Three full England caps while with Burnley for whom he was a prolific scorer. Missed Portsmouth's last 11 matches last season through injury, but made a successful comback during the close season tour of Malta. Married with two children. 10 st. 11 lbs. 5 ft. 9 ins. Burnley debut 1957-58, 222 appearances, 118 goals. Bury 19—17; Coventry 26—13; Portsmouth 43—16, to this season.

Mick TRAVERS (forward). Signed from Reading in the close season of 1967 he has developed into Pompey's utility man. Although playing in only 10 games last season, scored four goals, was selected as substitute 20 times. He married a Gillingham girl in July and they have made their home in Portsmouth. Scored 33 goals for Reading in 153 games. 11 st. 5 ft. 10 ins.

Nick JENNINGS (outside left). An elusive scorer who was "Pompey's" top scorer at one period last season. Then he was out for six weeks with an ankle injury. Signed in 1967 for £25,000 from Plymouth, which club he joined straight from school. Born Wellington, Somerset, and married to a Plymouth girl. 10 st. 6 lbs. 5 ft. 8 ins. With Plymouth, starting 1963, played in 98 League games, scoring 10 goals.

PORTSMOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB, 1968-69

Back Row (left to right): N. Jennings, A. McAnn, G. Smith, M. Trebilcock.
Centre: M. Travers, G. Ley, R. Pointer, R. Potter, J. Milkins, R. Pack, C. Portwood.
Front: W. Brown, T. Youlden, R. Tindall, Mr. G. Smith (manager), H. Harris, F. Haydock, R. Hiron.

Tonight's Referee

VINCENT JAMES

(York)

Referees probably feel the brunt of crowd behaviour more than most other people in the game, so it's refreshing to hear Vincent James express the view that "spectator behaviour was greatly improving last season." Mr. James, who is pleased that the game is becoming a family affair for spectators with more ladies coming along to watch, still thinks there must be further improvements, though.

"All this obscene chanting is very immature. I hope it soon stops. I often wonder if these youths would chant the same things if their own mothers were behind them."

Mr. James, a brewery representative and part-time secretary of the York City branch of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union Ltd., took up refereeing in 1948. "I was formerly a player until I asked a decent scout to give me his frank opinion of my play," he recalls. "He did—and, after listening to him, I never played again!"

It was the York and District League who blooded him as a referee. Then he moved up to the Yorkshire League and, in 1955, was appointed a Football League linesman. Five years later he became a League referee.

He has participated in many big games. He has been a linesman at full and Under-23 internationals and for the 1967 F.A. Cup Final. He has refereed a Scotland v. Switzerland amateur international and run the line in Inter-Cities Fairs Cup matches. He has officiated at every stage of the F.A. Cup competition and refereed every local cup final, including the Yorkshire League Cup Final and the North Riding Cup Final.

Mr. James, who lives in York, is married with sons aged 13 and 8. He is vice-president and chairman of the Yorkshire section of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen.

Football League Hot Shots

LEADING SCORERS

(Including matches played on 21st August)

	League	FLC	Total
Division I			
Clarke	4	–	4
Jones (Leeds)	3	–	3
Wignall (Wolves)	3	–	3
Ball (Everton)	3	–	3
Casper (Burnley)	3	–	3
Division II			
Jackson (C. Palace)..	4	–	4
Irvine (Preston)	2	2	4
Curran (Norwich)	4	–	4
Trebilcock (P'tsm'th)	2	–	2
Chilton (Hull)	1	1	2
Conlon (Millwall)	2	–	2
Darling (Blackburn) ..	2	–	2
Galley (Bristol City) ..	2	1	3
Hickton (Mid'brough)	2	–	2
Manning (Norwich) ..	3	–	3

	League	FLC	Total
Division III			
Halom (Orient)	3	2	5
Leggat (Rotherham)..	4	–	4
Regan (Crewe)	2	2	4
Downes (Rotherham)	3	–	3
Collins (Reading)	3	–	3
Harrison (Luton)	1	2	3
Division IV			
Deere (Scunthorpe)..	2	2	4
Clayton (Southend) ..	1	2	3
Terry (Brentford)	2	1	3

Man at the Helm

Meet
GEORGE SMITH
(Portsmouth's Manager)

Big, bluff George Smith has his own ideas on how the game should be run: some of them are revolutionary, sometimes his views have upset people; but the thing is, they generally seem to make good common sense. What bigger gamble could a manager make but to declare, when he was in charge at Crystal Palace: "If we don't win promotion this season I'll sack myself." Palace didn't make it and, true to his word, George left.

Mr. Smith loves taking risks. He placed his future career at stake when, three years ago, he decided to scrap the club's reserve, "A" and junior teams, their youth hostel—the lot! He gambled on a professional squad of only 17 players. But the move paid off. Instead of having a terrifying overdraft and a string of debts around its neck, the club is now paying its way and the debts are vitually cleared. All in three years!

George Smith spent his playing days with London clubs Charlton, Brentford and Queen's Park Rangers and he was captain of the latter when they won promotion to Division II in 1948. He did move out of Town to Ipswich as a player but after only a few matches he was appointed that Club's assistant manager.

For a time he managed the England youth team and, as mentioned earlier, he was Crystal Palace's boss. Sheffield United took him on strength as a coach until the Portsmouth job came along seven years ago. They were doomed to relegation to Division III when he took over, but he got them back in one season and now they are challenging to regain a place in the top division.

"My aim has been to seek a gradual improvement in the club's position, both on the field and financially, each year and I'm fairly happy with our progress to date," he says. Last season, as a reward for the minor miracle he has achieved, he was promoted to General Manager and has full control of everything going on at the club.

Full control . . . without that he would never take on any job. "How can a manager call himself a manager unless he has a free hand?" he so rightly asks.

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RAY POINTER

MIKE TREBILCOCK

Preston North End

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3 RITCHIE
4 SMITH
5 HAWKINS
6 KNIGHTON
7 WILSON
8 SPAVIN
9 IRVINE
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1 MILKINS
2 YOULDEN
3 LEY
4 SMITH G.
5 TINDALL
6 HARRIS
7 McCANN
8 TREBILCOCK
9 POINTER
10 TRAVERS
11 JENNINGS

Substitute:
HIRON

Referee :
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(York)

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